UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Case No. 8:08-cr-441-T-17MAP

PHILIP WILLIAM COON

UNITED STATES' NOTICE OF RELATED CASES

The United States of America, by and through its representative, the undersigned Assistant United States Attorney, hereby files this Notice of Related Cases, pursuant to Local Rule 1.04(b). The above-captioned case involves the same actors and factual basis as the case of <u>United States v. John Robert Miller</u>, Case No. 8:08-cr-330-T-30TBM.

The government has been contacted by counsel for various individuals, who borrowed funds from Coast Bank, and claim that such borrowers are victims of the offenses charged by the government in these cases. The government has advised such counsel that it believes the Court should determine whether their clients are to be recognized as victims, within the meaning of the Crime Victims Rights Act, in these cases. See, e.g., United States v. Hunter, 2008 WL 53125 (D. Utah); United States v. Sharp, 463 F.Supp.2d 556 (E.D.Va. 2006). Accordingly, the government anticipates that the counsel will be filing a motion or motions asking the Court to make such determination. The government submits that the Court may want to consolidate

the cases before the same United States District Court Judge to avoid duplication of the effort that will be required to resolve this issue and perhaps others.

Respectfully submitted,

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